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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1889.

DURING the past few weeks over half a dozen new joint stock enterprises have been started in the colony, and the cry is still they come. This movement doubtless evidences the great wealth and marvellous commercial vitality possessed by this 'dot on the ocean,' but it is also significant of the existence of a very strong spirit of rabid speculation which, so far as the public welfare is concerned, may not be without some dangerous elements. In far-reaching undertakings requiring a large capital the necessity for the joint stock principle is easily understood, but it is not quite so apparent in many of the comparatively insignificant local businesses which have been or are proposed to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance. The rage for transforming private undertakings into so-called public companies has, in fact, become so general, that it has only to continue in force for a short time longer in order to completely abolish purely private enterprise in every branch of business, both wholesale and retail, now existing in the colony. And it must be confessed that some of the most recent attempts in the limited liability line border very closely on the ridiculous, not to use any harsher term. A barber's shop run by a public company is playing the game rather low down, but there are other businesses with even less excuse. Take the case of any ordinary tradesman who is anxious to form his business into a limited liability concern, and what do we find in about nineteen cases out of twenty? Simply that the business is a financial failure and the proprietor therefore wishes to transfer the responsibilities from his own

shoulders to those of an easily gulled public. So long as any decent trading enterprise pays well, the owner naturally enough keeps the good thing to himself, he has no philanthropic desire to give the public a share of his handsome profits; but when it has been tried and found wanting, or when through change of conditions or force of circumstances it has deteriorated and become comparatively worthless, the public are calmly invited to take over the thoroughly sucked orange. There may of course be special reasons why the owner of a remunerative and 'going' business wishes to dispose of his interest in the same, and in such cases the easiest, most convenient and most profitable method is undoubtedly in forming a joint stock concern; but such cases are few and far between, and are certainly not always reliable. In these days of blind speculation, when it has become so common in this colony to solicit subscriptions from the public for proposed trading ventures without advertising prospectuses or giving the fullest information, too much care cannot be exercised by the confiding and the unwary. Information of the most complete description, and balance sheets audited by competent persons should always be forthcoming. Without these necessary safeguards we should strongly recommend intending investors in any proposed enterprises of this character to hold their hands—'to leave such suspicious schemes severely alone. It stands to reason that a business which will not pay when economically managed by an owner struggling hard for his own exclusive interests, has still fewer prospects of success when perfunctorily worked by an expensive board of directors, general agents, or any other of the various forms of management in vogue. Some of these bogus companies are probably formed for purposes altogether beyond the scope of their legitimate object—we refer especially to the gambling 'corners' in several local stocks which have recently caused so much heated discussion. A business that is practically worthless may be propped up by interested influence in order to induce the public to follow suit, the main object of those immediately concerned being a 'share market swindle' which they could fully control. Of this class of joint stock company there are unfortunately more than one in existence in our midst at the present time, which fact ought to prove a sufficient warning to those likely to be beguiled by the specious misrepresentations of the unscrupulous promoters of all such shady adventures. *Verb. Sap.*

ALL things have small beginnings, first included, and we have often wondered how it was that most of the serious conflagrations in the Chinese rookeries were not extinguished at the outset. We had an opportunity of seeing this last night. Turning down Queen's Road West we saw a group of open-mouthed folk gazing at a fire which was burning on the verandah of shop No. 337, whilst in the premises below the shopmen were calmly making up their accounts, evidently in complete ignorance of what was going on above. Inspector Perry was luckily on the spot, and, rushing upstairs, tore to pieces the woodwork of a large room which was on fire and threw them into the street, where they were immediately stolen. The shop-coolies brought little drops of water in big pails, but even this put out the flames, although only a few more minutes needed to have elapsed before the whole verandah would have been in a blaze, together with a large stock of inflammable material near by. Then the fire-engines would have been sent for, a hundred or a hundred and fifty men called out, and no end of trouble caused, all through the carelessness of some one with a lamp or joss-sticks in the first place, and the right-down thickheadedness of the group of gazers in the second.

THE two coolies who violently assaulted a Portuguese widow in Bridges Street last month, and cleaned out all the jewelry in the house, were up before Mr. Woodhouse again to-day. Mrs. Euphemia Almeida, the prosecutrix, said that she lived at No. 11, Bridges Street. About 1.30 p.m. on the 20th February she was in her room, making her toilet, when two Chinamen entered. One stopped at the door, the other advanced with a letter. She said it was not for her as it was in Chinese, and immediately he sprang on her, pulled her down, and pressed her face to the floor, so that she was nearly choked and unable to call out. She struggled, and he struck her on the head with a short sword, and tied a wooden gag in her mouth roughly, securing it by string round her neck. He then dragged her to one side and sat on her, whilst his accomplice rummaged that and the adjoining rooms. They both went away after about ten minutes, and she got up with difficulty and managed to attract the attention of some neighbours who came and attended to her. Later on, when somewhat recovered, she examined the room, and found four bracelets, a pair of earrings, four brooches, a chain and cross with diamonds, six small diamonds and a large one with diamonds, some coins, &c., altogether worth \$400, had been stolen. She was not sure of the identity of the men, as she had not observed them particularly before the assault, and had no means of doing so afterwards. Inspector Quincey, who arrested the men, said the identified them on the first occasion. The case was again remanded.

THE creation of a volunteer fleet or flotilla has of late been resuscitated from that land of oblivion to which things that are novel in this part of the world are often relegated for a long spell after they have been invented or proposed. The measure was first hinted at as a desirable aid to our naval forces, although little was known or at least suggested as to the means by which an improvised flotilla could be rendered efficient and practically useful as an auxiliary to vessels of war. The original idea was that the existing steam launches in the harbour should be incorporated into a volunteer flotilla and a body of men trained to command them and learn the nautical art. But when the condition of the launches plying in these waters was known, the project of transforming them into miniature ironclads soon became a subject of ridicule and scorn. It was preposterous to imagine that a score or two of old slow coaches, could be suddenly transformed into torpedo boats or armed cruisers to be sent out in search of an enemy's fleet. A third-rate gunboat with a couple of hotchkiss guns on board could sink the whole auxiliary flotilla made up of such elements, in less time than it takes to write this. It appears that this plan has been entirely abandoned, and substituted by that of the formation of a new fleet of launches specially built for being utilised for war purposes, and even gunboats are mentioned as the probable vessels which are to compose the proposed volunteer fleet in this harbour. No definite plans have yet been laid before the public, the whole project being still in its germinal state. What it may ultimately become we fall to know, but we would suggest the advisability of starting this volunteer flotilla on a sounder basis than it appears to possess. In the present state of naval warfare, nothing short of monitors or submarine vessels can be of any use for coast and harbour defence. Instead of building gunboats for the naval volunteer brigade, we would vote for the construction or purchase of a few powerful little monitors similar to those which became famous during the American Civil War. With a fleet of such vessels cruising round the island, backed by the men-of-war of this station, we venture to assert that no hostile fleet would dare approach our coast.

THE French authorities convey these adventures to Suez, whence they will return to Russia.

PARLIAMENT.

The House of Lords voted the address in reply to the Queen's speech.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Gorst maintained that recent events in Sikkim would tend to cement the friendship between England and China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The land sales at Yaumatei today realised something over \$18,000, there being 100,000 square feet sold at a price approximating to 20 cents per foot.

Mr. C. D. Harman, agent of the O. & O. S. Co. informs us that the steamer *Cicilia*, with mail, &c., from San Francisco to the 13th ulto., has arrived at Yokohama, and left for Hongkong this morning.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the "Constitution of Japan, with the laws appertaining thereto and the Imperial Oath and Speech," being a reprint in pamphlet form of the official translation first published in the *Japan Mail*.

It was rumoured in Canton yesterday that further telegraphic news had been received from Tientsin to the effect that Li Hung-chang was still in a most dangerous state, and that his recovery was considered almost hopeless.

ANOTHER theft from Hall & Holt's establishment. This morning Mr. Manning caught a coolie who was employed in the store changing the ownership of two dozen pairs of socks, worth \$18. The youth was remanded.

MESSRS. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamer *Abyssinia*, from Vancouver, 19th Feb., arrived at Yokohama this morning, and will leave for Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Hongkong to-morrow.

We would draw attention to the advertisement, published in another column, of the "Barcelona Trans-Atlantic Company" by which it will be seen that the extensive network of steamship communication opened by the Company is calculated to meet the requirements of shippers and passengers alike. The Agents in Hongkong are Messrs. Remedios & Co., Beaconsfield Arcade.

We are requested to mention that there will be no Organ Recital on Monday next; a programme will be circulated for Monday, the 18th.

SAYS the *Japan Mail* of the 27th ulto.:—Telegrams are published by the vernacular press to the effect that on the morning of the 24th inst., one hundred and sixty soldiers in garrison at Toyohashi, the principal town of Mikawa, broke out of barracks and partially wrecked several buildings including an official residence and the telegraph office. They also pulled down telegraph posts and removed rails on the line. Mr. Kishi Zaburo, a local official, was severely wounded, and the railway service was temporarily interrupted. Nothing is said as to the origin of the riot, but we learn that Colonel Sakamoto, Chief of Staff at Nagoya, proceeded to the scene of the disturbance the same evening by train, with, it may be presumed, force sufficient to restore order. Nine of the rioters were arrested.

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The Bill passed its second reading, and the Council went into Committee on it. In the course of the discussion

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The Chairman said: Gentlemen, with your permission I will take the report and statement of accounts as read. I regret that the results of last year's working have not been more favourable, but they mark a steady improvement which affords encouragement for the future. Up to the end of July, our operations were, from various causes, conducted at a considerable loss, but during the remaining five months of the year, profits were regularly made. We have persevered in our policy of keeping stocks low, and in this way have saved a large sum in interest. When our books were closed on 31st December, we had on hand, of raw and refined sugar, only 25,000 piculs. As there was a cessation of demand from Spain, we stopped the works during January and took advantage of the opportunity to overhaul the plant and machinery, which are now in excellent order. Work was resumed in February, and I am pleased to observe from our returns from Manila, that the demand so far seems to be equal to our powers of production. The inconvenience, referred to at our last annual meeting, of being unable to secure sufficient space for our requirements in the Spanish mail steamers, has been greatly lessened, but the rates of freight are still excessive and press very heavily on our industry. We are continuing our negotiations to obtain a further supply of tonnage for the line between Manila and the ports of Spain. Before moving the adoption of the Report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions that may be put to me.

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Both the Company's steamers are now in first class order, the *Diamonds* having undergone extensive repairs in the beginning of last year.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1888.

Value of the Company's steamers "Diamond" and "Zafiro".....\$185,000

Less written off for depreciation during 1888.....15,000

.....\$170,000.00

Value of Buys and Moorings at Amoy and Hongkong.....630.59

Value of Coals and Stores on board.....14,972.56

Premium value of unexpired policies.....10,500.99

Freight outstanding at Hongkong.....38,863.93

Due from Manila Agents.....2,851

the world, and a grand opening for American commerce. Many people who have settled there to engage in business have left on account of the trouble, but I expect that they will return as soon as definite arrangements are made with Germany and other powers. I do not believe there will be any trouble in making this settlement. Our trade with Samoa has been confined to breadstuffs, lumber, and kerosene of late, but a general commerce can be easily built up. I regard Apia as fully as important a centre as Hawaii and worthy of as much attention from mercantile enterprise.

LONDON, January 30th.
The Manchester Guardian says Salisbury, yielding to great pressure, will withdraw the English vessels from the blockade on the East African coast as soon as Germany commences to operate on shore.

The Portuguese Government has made a provisional contract with eight private persons, empowering them to form a company to work the port wine trade as a monopoly. All the wine produced in this country is to be exported by this company under special mark. To insure the success of the monopoly, a subsidy of £400 per annum is to be guaranteed to the company for five years, together with 6 per cent. interest for thirty years on a capital of £200,000. The concession has not yet passed the Cortes, but the wine trade of Oporto has protested so vigorously against this measure that it has induced all other trades to join in opposition to the grant. The result of this is that all business is stopped in the town, and the temper of the public is so strongly aroused that the behavior of the people amounts almost to rebellion.

One thousand Clyde firemen and sailors have struck for an increase of 3 shillings per week, which the Allan Company has conceded.

MONTREAL, January 30th.
Sixteen men, with twenty horses, were drowned while crossing the ice on Lake Rideau, Ont. The accident is reported to have occurred by the cutting in of the ice near the village of Sunbury, Ont.

PESTH, January 30th.
A portion of the populace is still greatly incensed at the passage of the Army bill. A crowd gathered outside the Parliament building to-day and endeavored to prevent the Deputies from entering the chamber. The hussars were compelled to charge upon the crowd, and several persons were hurt, including some women and children.

BERLIN, January 30th.
The editor of the *Rathenower Zeitung* (Liberal) has been condemned to two months' imprisonment for crime against the sovereign power in the use of certain language in an article on the presentation of a fountain by the Emperor.

AUCKLAND, January 31st.
Samoa advises that the Germans have declared war against Mataafa, and that probably all the Samoans will join against the Germans.

Later advices from Samoa state that the German officials have given notice that all vessels arriving there will be searched for articles contraband of war. They have suppressed the *Samoa Times*. A passenger on the British steamer *Wainui*, who recently visited Mataafa's camp, was placed under arrest, but was subsequently released, in compliance with the demand of the British Consul. A proclamation has been issued placing the Apia police force under German control.

The *Samoa Times* is owned by an Englishman named Cusack, who has not hesitated to denounce the interference of the Germans in Samoan affairs. It is reported that several times German sailors have made hostile demonstrations against the *Times* office. Mataafa's followers number 6000. They are strongly intrenched, and other Samoans are rapidly joining them. Upon the arrival of the steamer *Richmond* she was boarded and searched by the Germans.

LONDON, January 31st.
The naval committee appointed to inquire into the late maneuvers states that the ships, with few exceptions, are unsuitable for modern warfare—indeed, deficient—and that the existing fleet is unfit to command the seas against an enemy.

A "White Book" on the Samoan question will shortly be presented to the Reichstag.

The *National Zeitung* announces that a friendly settlement with America may be expected, based upon Prince Bismarck's proposal for a joint discussion. It is not expected that German military operations in Samoa will commence until sufficient re-enforcements are sent to the islands. At present there are at Samoa three German war ships, with an available landing force of 300 men.

PARIS, February 1st.
Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria met his death at the hands of the greatest nobleman of the empire, who shot the Archduke for the purpose of avenging the betrayal of his wife by her agent.

The following is stated to be an authentic account of the tragedy and of the circumstances in connection therewith. On Sunday night the Crown Prince appeared at a ball given by the German Ambassador, Prince Reuss, in honor of Kaiser Wilhelm's birthday. Both the Archduke, as well as his father, the Emperor, who was also present, wore uniforms of the Prussian regiments of which they hold honorary colonelcies. The Archduke was in the highest spirits; his laughter rang through the rooms; he appeared to enjoy himself amazingly. He, however, aroused some comment by paying rather marked attention to a very beautiful Princess, whose husband, a member of one of the oldest families, of princely rank in Austria, is almost as well known in Paris as in Vienna.

At about 1 o'clock in the morning the Archduke escorted his wife, the Crown Princess Stephanie, to her carriage. After kissing her hand and bidding her adieu he remained for a few minutes longer in the vestibule chatting with the German Ambassador. On leaving the Embassy he directed his steps to the Michaeler Platz, where he had promised to meet his brother-in-law, Duke Philip of Coburg, and Count Hoyos, formerly Minister at Washington, now Ambassador to the French Republic. It had been arranged that they should drive from thence out to his hunting lodge at Meyerling, some thirty miles distant from the metropolis. The road lies through the heart of beautiful Wiener Wald, and the drive, which is a charming one, had been planned for the purpose of rendering it possible to be out on the moors in the early dawn.

On reaching the Michaeler Platz, the Crown Prince found his brother-in-law, and Count Hoyos waiting for his arrival and a handsome drag, drawn by four spirited horses, ready to convey the party out to the Meyerling. Suddenly, however, the Crown Prince turned to his companions and begged of them to excuse him, muttering something about being "en bon fortune," declared that he would join them later in the day. Both Duke Philip and Count Hoyos entreated Rudolf to forgo his rendezvous, warned him of the risk and of the scandal which would inevitably ensue if his intrigues were to become known. However, the Crown Prince laughingly told them to cease their remonstrances, which he declared were quite useless.

After specially enjoining them to avoid mentioning to any one that he had failed to keep to the original plan of driving out with them to the shooting lodge, he disappeared down the Hengengasse, swinging in the air a pass key and stinging smashes of popular songs.

The fur collar of his heavy military cloak was turned up so as to conceal his features from view, and but few would have imagined that the military officer wending his way through the dark streets on foot, unattended by either aides or servants, was the heir-apparent to the Austrian throne. The Duke and Count Hoyos, together with the equestrian of the Crown Prince, then got on to the drag and started the horses in the direction of Meyerling, where they arrived about three hours later.

On Monday morning at 7 o'clock one of the richest and most powerful nobles of the empire, a man of princely rank, although not a member of any royal or reigning family, was in the act of leaving his palace for the purpose of trying a young horse, which, reared in the imperial stud farms at Guldlo, had just been presented to him by the Crown Prince, when suddenly he happened to catch sight of a man skulking in the shadow of the wall just under the private staircase leading up to his wife's apartments.

The prince sprang forward to catch the stranger, who endeavored to save himself by flight. The prince, who was faster on foot, soon overtook him, and clutched his cloak to him. To his horror he discovered that the secret was no other than the heir to the throne. The latter, taking advantage of the momentary consternation of his pursuer, sprang forward, and, quickly jumping into a plain two-horse fiacre, which he invariably uses on such occasions, was driven off before the wronged husband recovered his senses. Reaching the lodge at Meyerling about 11 o'clock, the Crown Prince spent the remainder of the day out on the hills and made no mention of reference to the unpleasant ending of the adventure to his friends. On Tuesday his old valet, Johann, who has attended him from his boyhood, noticed that his master was very much worried, and on asking what was the matter was rather curiously told that it was nothing.

On Wednesday morning the Crown Prince awoke very early. He called to Johann to open the blinds and bring him his letters. It should be mentioned that the shooting lodge at Meyerling is a small, two-story building, and that the Crown Prince occupied an apartment on the ground floor, scarcely five feet above the level of the garden. On opening the blinds, the valet remarked that there were two strange men in the garden, and mentioned the fact to the Archduke. The latter carelessly replied that they were probably some of the beaters come for orders. Then, sitting up in bed, he propped a pillow up against the window, and leaning his head against it, commenced to read his letters, evidently in a state of great excitement and worry. Johann then left the room to prepare the coffee, but meeting Count Hoyos in the hall, said: "There are two men in the garden whom I have never seen before and whose looks I don't like."

Just then a shot was heard. "All rushed to the Crown Prince's room, where a terrible spectacle presented itself. A window pane was smashed into thousands of pieces, the Archduke lay dead in bed with the back of his skull shattered and brains scattered on the sheets. The strangers in the garden were seen to jump the fence and to mount horses. Like lightning they disappeared into the forest, not, however, before Count Hoyos had recognized in them the husband and brother of the Princess with whom Rudolf had danced frequently at the German Embassy ball. As the Crown Prince reclined in his bed with his back turned to the light while reading his letters, the wronged husband must have had time to take deadly aim.

The general impression is that the Chamber of Deputies will complete its legal term of office, and general elections will not occur until October. The majority on the vote expressing confidence in the Government yesterday was composed of Republicans altogether. The minority included 59 members of the Right, 14 Boulangists and 13 Republicans. The Radical journals congratulate the members of that party that a crisis has been avoided. They claim that the Ministerial question was solved by the vote. The Opportunist organs declare that the Government has been merely respite for a few days. The Boulangist papers consider the Government lost.

GLASGOW, February 1st.
Three thousand seamen and firemen are now on strike here. Only two steamers sailed to-day.

DUBLIN, February 1st.
The *Freeman's Journal* states that Salisbury is negotiating with Hartington with a view to the latter becoming Prime Minister. Should Hartington accept the position Salisbury will retain the office of Minister of Foreign Affairs. The *Journal* also says that Hon. W. H. Smith will be elevated to the peerage.

LONDON, February 3rd.
The *Standard's* Berlin correspondent says: In spite of the unmistakable friction with Americans nobody here fears that there is any danger of the Samoan affair leading to war between the two nations. Germany will, in fact, make friendly proposals, which, doubtless, the Government at Washington will finally accept. The German officials in Samoa are now represented as having exceeded and misunderstood their instructions, but the last thing that semi-official organs can be expected to confess is the palpable fact that in the presence of the strong feeling aroused in America, Germany has found it politic to beat a retreat.

The *National Zeitung* thinks that the knowledge of Prince Bismarck's disavowal of the acts of the German officials in Samoa would come with a better grace from the German than the American Government. "As for the rest," it says, "defiant speeches in America will just as little provoke Germany to take any unwarrantable step as they will prevent her maintaining her just rights."

ZANZIBAR, February 3rd.
There is much indignation among merchants in consequence of the action of the German Consul in pressing the Sultan to cede Lamu and the adjacent islands to a German company. The trade of those islands has been entirely in British hands.

PARIS, February 3rd.
Deputies Laguerre and Lacroix fought a duel this morning with pistols. Neither of the combatants was injured. The challenger was Laguerre, who claimed that he had been interrupted in an offensive manner by Lacroix while speaking in the Chamber.

ROME, February 3rd.
In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday Signor Peruzzi, Minister of the Treasury, announced that notwithstanding the constant improvement in the economic position of the country and the development of national wealth, the budget showed a deficit of nearly \$40,000,000. He proposes to meet this deficit by funds at the disposal of the Government for civil and military pensions. He said it was estimated that the budget for 1890 would show a deficit of \$18,000,000.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON, February 7th.
Secretary Bayard has recalled the United States Consul from Samoa, owing to his views being divergent from those of the United States Government.

BOMBAY, February 8th.
The *Times of India's* London correspondent wires that the *Times* "Calcutta" correspondent telegraphs that the corrupt Magistrate scandal in Bombay has reached such a pitch that

possibly a Special Commission will be necessary to restore public confidence in the administration of justice. He condemns the Governor.

The *St. James's Gazette* has a startling leader, which contains a slander of the entire lower native Magistracy, which it says is corrupt. These corrupt Bombay Magistrates, says the *St. James*, are only fair types of the educated natives, who meet in Congress; and their conception of public morality is of exactly the same stamp. The paper adds, we assert that the fact is so.

MADRAS, February 8th.
News has been received here of the death of Mr. Parkes, Superintendent Engineer, in London, of the Madras Harbour Works.

Sir John Fowler, who will be the guest of Lord Connamara during his stay here, will examine the Harbour Works, in consultation with the Superintendent Engineer.

Last night, His Excellency the Governor presided at a Temperance meeting, and delivered a sympathetic address, regretting the increase of drunkenness among the natives, which was traceable to the example of the Christian population.

ZANZIBAR, February 8th.
The German authorities have paid the ransom asked by the Arab Chief at Bushire (?) for the Roman Catholic missionaries captured last month in the attack on the German mission station at Nguz.

CALCUTTA, February 11th.
The latest news of the Amers' movements from Afghanistan gives no indication of any intention on his part of invading Bokhara.

Indeed, if there were no other reason for discrediting the Russian statement, the present war obviously the last time he would choose for such an enterprise, when the passes behind him are blocked with snow, and virtually cut off his own capital. He is, however, about to start on a tour from Mazari-Sharif westwards.

MADRAS, February 11th.
Lady Connamara leaves for England on the 11th proximo, though her health is stated to have improved here.

A Roman Catholic Synod is being held here, to draw up rules and regulations for the management of the Archdiocese of Madras.

BOMBAY, February 12th.
The latest in Bombay of a Railway Guard has led to disclosures of an extraordinary system of jobbery by European and Eurasian guards of passenger trains on the Bombay and Nagpur section of the G. I. P. Railway. With skeleton key they opened passengers' luggage in the brakes, abstracted property assessed at an aggregate value of a lakh, and divided the spoil. A quarrel as to shares led to information and enquiries; and subsequently to several arrests. Enquiries are in further progress.

LONDON, February 12th.
Amir Abdul Rahman, with a numerous following, is at Chulm (or Tashkurgan), and, according to a Russian account, he is taking measures which show a distinct leaning towards Russia. He is also accused of breaking off the commercial relations which existed between the two countries, and of spreading reports of a coming war with Russia. Under these circumstances, Russia feels compelled to take measures to meet any possible acts of hostility on the part of the Amir.

Advices from Chardjui state that General Komaroff, accompanied by the Chief of his Staff, arrived there yesterday.

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PARIS, February 12th.
The French Government are negotiating with Russia, with the object of opening Turkish trade, and establishing French Consulates in the principal towns there.

PESHAWUR, February 13th.
The latest news from the Amir's Camp at Moxar, up to the 20th January, shows everything quiet there. The Amir intends returning to Kabul after inspecting the missions of Agwa, Turkistan, and early in the summer; go on tour to Ghazni and Kandahar, halting some time at the latter place.

BOMBAY, February 13th.
The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Amphitrite*, which carried the Russian Mission to Abyssinia, is now in Bombay harbour. The passengers took tickets to Port Said from the Agency in the ordinary way, and nothing was known of the object of the Mission, until the real nature was discovered when the vessel reached Massowah.

To-day's Advertisements.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.
VIA THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship "ABYSSINIA"

3,651 Tons Register, G. A. Lee, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 4th April, at NOON.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with San Francisco and Pacific Coast Ports, by the regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class fares granted as follows:—To Vancouver and Victoria, (Mex.) \$160.00 To San Francisco, 175.00 To all Common Ports in Canada, 230.00 To Liverpool, 300.00 To London, 305.00 To other European Ports at proportionate rates.

Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 3rd April.
All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.
For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to ADAMSON, FELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1889.

To-day's Advertisements.

WEBB'S ROYAL MARIONETTES, THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THIS EVENING, the 7th March, 1889.

NEW PROGRAMME.

THE ITALIAN FANTOCCHINI.
1.—Signor Rinaldo, Equilibrist.
2.—The Stilt Clown.
3.—Herr Holten, in wonderful feats of Equitation.
4.—Sarah and Tommy (with Song).
5.—The Jolly Chinese.
6.—The Animated Skeleton.
7.—Giant and Pigmites.

THE CHRISTY MINSTRELS, in a New First Part. The screaming farce of DEAF AS A POST. The Laughable Harlequinade & Funny Scenes. Concluding with a grand TRANSFORMATION SCENE.

Reserved Seats may be secured and booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, Ltd.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.00; Pit, 1.00; Children half price. Soldiers in Uniform will be admitted to the Pit at half price.

C. DERMER, Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1889.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS are invited for the construction of a SCREW STEAM VESSEL for the Selangor Government. Tenders should be sealed and should be addressed to the British Resident, Selangor, via Singapore, to reach Selangor not later than noon on the 1st May, 1889.

Further information may be obtained from the COLONIAL SECRETARY at Hongkong.
F. A. SWETTENHAM, British Resident, Selangor.
Kuala Lumpur, 25th January, 1889.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP AND HAMBURG. THE Steamship "BALCARRES BROOK," Captain Burgess, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-

signed for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon, and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th instant or they will not be recognised.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1889.

THE BARCELONA TRANS-ATLANTIC COMPANY SERVICE.
LINE OF THE ANTILLES, NEW YORK AND VERA CRUZ.—Connecting at American Atlantic Ports, and at Ports North and South of the Pacific.

Three monthly departures, on the 10th and 30th from Cadiz, and on the 20th from Santander. Return trip leaves Havana the 5th, 15th, and 25th of every month.

LINE OF COLOM.—Connecting with Pacific Ports, North and South of Panama, with extension to Mexico and termination at Habana. A steamer leaves Vigo on the 20th of every month, via Puerto Rico, Habana and Santiago de Cuba.

LINE OF THE PHILIPPINES.—Extension to Iloilo and Cebu, connecting with the Persian Gulf, Eastern Coast of Africa, India, China, Cochin-China and Japan.
Thirteen annual trips, leaving Barcelona every fourth Wednesday, commencing on the 1st of January; and Manila every fourth Saturday, commencing on the 5th of January.

LINE OF BUENOS AYRES.—A steamer leaves every two months for Rio Janeiro, Montevideo, and Buenos Ayres, leaving Cadiz every eighth week, commencing on 31st January.

LINE OF FERNANDO PO.—Calling on the West Coast of Morocco. A monthly trip, leaving Cadiz on the 30th March, 30th June, 30th September and 30th December.

AFRICAN SERVICE.—NORTHERN COAST.—A fortnightly service, leaving Cadiz on the 16th and 30th for Tangier, Algiers, Ceuta and Malaga, returning from Malaga on the 12th and 25th, calling at the same ports.

NORTH-WESTERN COAST.—A monthly service from Cadiz to Larache, Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech and Mogador.

TANGIER SERVICE.—Three trips every week: from Cadiz to Tangier every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday; from Tangier to Cadiz every Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

These Steamers carry cargo on the most favorable terms. Passengers are very comfortably accommodated and treated with the greatest attention; the Company's reputation in this line being unequalled. Deductions are allowed to families, also conventional prices arranged for, for return voyages. Passages are granted to Manila at special prices for artisan emigrants, with gratuitous return, within one year, for those who have failed to find work.

The Company undertakes to insure all goods shipped in their boats.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The Company, notify all merchants, farmers, and manufacturers that they will receive and forward to destination, all samples and prices-current which may be entrusted to their care.
The Company receive cargo and issue passage tickets to all parts of the world where regular lines exist.

For further information apply to the following Agents: Cadiz, the Branch Office of the Trans-Atlantic Company—Madrid, Mr. Julian Moreno, Alcalá, 33 and 35—Santander, Messrs. Angel B. Perez & Co.—Coruna, Mr. E. da Guardia—Vigo, Mr. Antonio Lopez de Neira—Cartagena, Messrs. Bosch Brothers—Valencia, Messrs. Dant & Co.—Malaga, Mr. Luis Duarte—Liverpool, Messrs. Larrañaga & Co.—Havana and Paris, Messrs. H. General & Delzon—Habana, Messrs. M. Calvo & Co.—Puerto Rico, Messrs. Ezquigala Nepewas—Vera Cruz, Messrs. Martinez Brothers—Manilla, The Office of the Compania General de Tabacos, Philippines—Singapore, Messrs. E. & H. Hinckel—Colombo, Messrs. Aitken, Spence & Co.—Aden, Mr. V. Escher—Port Said and Suez, Messrs. M. Batin & Co. and Hongkong, Messrs. REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1889.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship "ARRATOON APCAR," Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 11th instant, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1889.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE. THE Steamship "ARRATOON APCAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 10th instant. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1889.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "CITY OF SYDNEY," The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
CHAS. D. HARMAN, Agent.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1889.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, To Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 9th March, 1889, at 3 P.M., at "Dunford" the Peak, late Residence of THOS. E. Candler, Esq., THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—DRAWING ROOM SUITE, MIRRORS, TABLES, PICTURES, FENDERS, &c. DINING ROOM FURNITURE, CROCKERY, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, &c. BEDROOM FURNITURE, &c., &c.

The above will be on view on Friday next. TERMS AS USUAL.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1889.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. The Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY,

the 11th March 1889, at 2 P.M., at the Residence of C. SEIMUND Esq., Praya East. THE WHOLE OF HIS ENGLISH & HONGKONG MADE FURNITURE,

Comprising:—TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITES, CHEFFONNIERS, OVERMANTLES and MIRRORS, Blackwood CANTREY TABLES and FANCY TABLES, CURTAINS, FENDERS, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, COTTAGE PIANO, by KIRKMAN (Iron Frame), DINING TABLE, SIDEBORD, WHATNOT, CHAIRS, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, &c., &c.

Also:—A Few Choice FERNS, ORCHIDS, and a quantity of FLOWERS in Pots.

2 JEWELRY BOXES, 2 JEWELRY CASES, Catalogues will be issued, and the above will be on view on SATURDAY P.M.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1889.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED. APPLICATIONS for the POST of SECRETARY to the above Company will be received until the 20th instant. Such applications to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN of the Company at the Offices No. 7, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1889.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1889.

NOTICE.

HOLDERS of SHARES in this Company, who are not fully paid are requested to pay up the balance, \$10 per Share, to C. EWENS before the 15th instant.

On or before the 15th instant all Holders of Shares in this Company can by application to C. EWENS together with a payment of \$5 per Share receive an allotment of one new Share in the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, in respect of every two old Shares which they hold in the GREEN ISLAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

C. EWENS, General Manager.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1889.

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED. Owing to alterations in the Machinery at the Upper Terminus, NO CARS WILL RUN, on MONDAY NEXT, the 11th inst.

MAEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., Hongkong, 6th March, 1889.

Intimations.

ONE BOX OF CLARKE'S B 41 PILLS is warranted to cure all discharges from the Urinary Organs, in either sex (acquired or constitutional), Gravel and Pains in the Back. Guaranteed Free from Mercury. Sold in Boxes, 4s. 6d. each, by all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout the World. Proprietors: The Lincoln and Midland Counties Drug Company, Lincoln, England.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG ROADS.

ON and after the 5th March, a Junk will be anchored on KELLETTS BANK, and from her, a bright white light will be exhibited visible all round the horizon, and having a range of about 5 miles.

Position 62 cables N.N.E. from Green Island. All vessels are recommended to pass to the Northward of the Junk, but if passing to the Southward of her, she should not be approached nearer than 3 cables.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Harbour Master, &c.
Harbour Department, Hongkong, 4th March, 1889.

FOR SALE.

HER MAJESTY'S SCREW GUN VESSEL "MYRMIDON," as she lies off Kowloon Naval Yard.

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—166 per cent.
 premium, ex. div., sales and buyers.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$115 per share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$81 per share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sellers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 100 per share, sellers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$160 per share, sellers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, ex. div., buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$85 per share, ex. div., buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 48 per cent, premium, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$227 per share, sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—180 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—par, sellers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$72 per share, buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$200 per share, ex. div., sellers.
 Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$92 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$92 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share, sellers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent, premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent, premium, sellers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent, premium, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent, premium.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$120 per share, sales.
 Perak Tin-Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
 Punjion and Sunghie Dna Samantan Mining Co.—\$46 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—101 per cent, premium, buyers.
 Tongkin Coal Mining Co.—30 per cent, premium, buyers.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—210 per cent, premium, sellers.
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$50 per share, sellers.
 The Seng Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$42 per share, buyers.
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$45 per share, sellers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—100 per cent, premium, nominal.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—20 per cent, div., buyers.
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—30 per cent, prem., buyers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$221 per share, buyers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.—\$155 per share, sales and buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 21 1/2
 Bank Bills, on demand 3/0
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/0
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/0
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/0
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/0

ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/0
 Credits at 4 months' sight 3/8
 ON INDIA, T. T. 218
 On Demand 220
 ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 7 1/2
 Private, 30 days' sight 7 1/2

IMPORT CARGO.

Per *Arratoon*, str., from Calcutta, &c.—1,900 chests Opium (Patna), 315 chests Opium (Benares), 1,205 bales Cotton, 140 bales Cotton Yarn and Twist, 230 bales Gunnies, 693 bales Saltpetre, 241 bags Grain (Rice), 100 cases Castor Oil, 852 bags Mangoes, 200 bags Bran, 133 bags Putchuck, 121 bags Laccawood, 395 piculs Rattan, 33 packages Jadestones (\$1,000), 1 case Camphor (\$4,500), 6 cases W. Apparel (\$2,300), and 1 box Gold Ware (\$200).

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul \$530
 (Allowance, Tads 68).
 OLD MALWA, per picul \$550 to \$580
 (Allowance, Tads 68).
 NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$570
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest \$570
 NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$570
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest \$570
 NEW BENARES, (without choice) per chest \$555
 NEW BENARES, (bottom) per chest \$555
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$500
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul \$500
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul \$475

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

6th March, 1889.—At 4 p.m.

STATION	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Weather
Whitstock	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Tokio	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Nagasaki	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Shanghai	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Amoy	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Hongkong	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Belin	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Manila	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy

7th March, 1889.—At 10 a.m.

STATION	Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Weather
Whitstock	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Tokio	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Nagasaki	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Shanghai	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Amoy	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Hongkong	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
Belin	30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
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The barometer is rising and gradually becoming very slight, foggy weather prevails.
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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register.)

Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Weather
30.0	61	81	SE	Cloudy
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
 The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Agadry*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on the 7th instant, at 5:30 p.m. for Saigon and this port, and may be expected here on the 14th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 13th ult., left Yokohama on the 7th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on the 13th.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
 The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Guthrie*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin for this port on the 27th ultimo, and is due here on the 8th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tatung*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 6th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 12th.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The Canadian Pacific S. S. Co.'s steamer *Abeyssinia*, from the Canadian mail, from Vancouver to the 19th ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama this morning, and sail for Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong to-morrow.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Moray*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 3rd instant for this port, and is due here on the 9th.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ducan*, from Bombay, left Singapore at 7 a.m., on the 5th instant, and is expected here on the 11th.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

CITY OF SYDNEY, American steamer, 3,016, D. E. Fride, 6th March.—San Francisco 4th Feb., and Yokohama 28th, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
 SOOCHOW, British steamer, 327, Rowin, 6th March.—Pakhoi, and Hoihow 5th March, General.—Chinese.
 FRIGGA, German steamer, 1,400, F. Negel, 6th March.—Hamburg 19th January, and Singapore 28th February, General.—Siemens & Co.

AMPHITRITE, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 2,486, L. Lemessich, 6th March.—Trieste 29th Dec., and Singapore 28th Feb., General.—Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.
 ELSE, German steamer, 747, M. Jensen, 6th March.—Singapore 26th February, General.—Melchers & Co.

MOVINE, British steamer, 1,714, J. S. Hogg, 6th March.—Wuhu 1st March, Rice.—Armhold, Karberg & Co.
 BALCARRES BROOK, British steamer, 1,306, W. Burgess, 6th March.—Singapore 26th Feb., General.—Russell & Co.

CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,500, Williams, 6th March.—Whampoa 6th March, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 ARRATON APCAR, British steamer, J. G. Offiant, 24th March.—Calcutta 17th Feb., Penang 24th and Singapore 27th, General.—D. S. S. S. Co.

ANTENOR, British steamer, 1,376, J. K. Greier, 7th March.—Shanghai 2nd March, and Amoy 5th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, McCaslin, 7th March.—Manila 5th March, General.—Russell & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Parthia, British steamer, for Nagasaki, &c. Amoy, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Actio, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.
State of Maine, American ship, for New York.
Haitong, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Fakhan, British steamer, for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.
 March 7, *Telamon*, British str., for Amoy, &c.
 March 7, *Freja*, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.
 March 7, *Pakhan*, British steamer, for Swatow.
 March 7, *Amieo*, German steamer, for Saigon.
 March 7, *Gualter*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
 March 7, *Parthia*, British steamer, for Nagasaki, &c.
 March 7, *Changshu*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS-ARRIVED.
 Per *Frigea*, str., from Hamburg, &c.—Messrs. Reuter, Schumacher, Neubert, and 240 Chinese.
 Per *City of Sydney*, str., from San Francisco, &c.—Miss B. Lennox, Messrs. D. E. Simon, L. H. Lepman, C. M. Thurston, and F. J. Divers, and 60 Chinese.
 Per *Soochow*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—75 Chinese.
 Per *Amphitrite*, str., from Trieste, &c.—3 Europeans and 75 Chinese.
 Per *Mayuna*, str., from Wuhu.—25 Chinese.
 Per *Arratoon Apcar*, str., from Calcutta, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. L. King, family and a servant, Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs, Mr. Offiant, Mrs. Obadaya and servant, Mrs. J. Syed and 2 children, Miss Serena, 2 Mahomedan Ladies and servants, Messrs. J. Bush Hart, J. Duolop, P. Agabeg, J. Ezra, and Findlay, 3 Europeans, 13 Indians, 499 Chinese, 20 women and 21 children.
 Per *Antenor*, str., from Shanghai, &c.—800 Chinese.
 Per *Zafiro*, str., from Manila.—Messrs. Wilks, Brown, Anderson, Kerr Bell, Kolchil, and 60 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
 Per *Wingsang*, str., for Calcutta.—Mrs. Gaspar and 2 children, and Mr. A. J. M. Inverarity.
 Per *Changshu*, str., for Tientsin.—Dr. and Mrs. McClure.
 Per *Nansing*, str., for Amoy.—Messrs. Forrest and Harding, for Manila.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, Messrs. Thos. Dobble and Coney, and Messrs. Woodward (3), of Chirif's Circus Company.
 Per *Telamon*, str., for Amoy, &c.—2 Europeans and 100 Chinese.
 Per *Pakhan*, str., for Swatow.—200 Chinese.
 Per *Parthia*, str., for Nagasaki.—Mr. S. Watanabe, for Kobe.—Messrs. H. T. Plafsted and S. Chapman, for Yokohama.—Rev. F. E. Freese and A. H. Maxwell, for Vancouver.
 Per *Brookville*, str., for Amoy.—Mrs. A. H. Rennie, for Liverpool.
 Per *Archdeacon Jones*, for London.—Lieut. T. G. Fraser and Mr. H. B. Ellerton, for Victoria.—70 Chinese (steerage).

TO DEPART.
 Per *Amoy*, str., for Shanghai.—11 Chinese.
 Per *Actio*, str., for Hoihow.—50 Chinese.
 Per *State of Maine*, ship, for New York.—1 European.
 Per *Haitong*, str., for Swatow.—Mr. F. Banemann, for Amoy.—Dr. and Mrs. Rieger, Messrs. Forrest and James Green, for Coast Ports.—100 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Antenor* reports that she left Shanghai on the 2nd instant, and Amoy on the 5th. Had light winds and foggy weather.

The British steamship *Soochow* reports that she left Pakhoi, and Hoihow on the 5th instant. Experienced thick weather throughout the passage.

The Austro-Hungarian steamship *Amphitrite* reports that she left Trieste on the 20th Dec., and Singapore on the 28th ultimo. Had fine weather.

The British steamship *Zafiro* reports that she left Manila on the 5th instant. Had fine pleasant weather with smooth sea throughout. Fog on the China Coast.

The British steamship *Mayuna* reports that she left Wuhu on the 1st instant. Had very fine weather and overcast sky, very thick outside Hongkong, anchored for 9 hours.

The German steamship *Frigea* reports that she left Hamburg on the 10th January, and Singapore on the 28th ultimo. Had fine weather with moderate winds and sea. Last 14 hours foggy weather.

The British steamship *Balcarres Brook* reports that she left Singapore on the 20th ultimo. From leaving Singapore moderate light north-east wind and clear weather with smooth water until the 5th inst.; thence encountered very dense fog until noon, on the 6th; thence cloudy weather.

The British steamship *Arratoon Apcar* reports that she left Calcutta on the 17th ultimo, and Singapore on the 27th. Had fine weather throughout. On the 2nd instant, passed a ship, showing R.L.K.O., and wishing to be reported all well. Detained outside since 11.00 a.m. on the 5th by foggy weather.

The American steamship *City of Sydney* reports that she left San Francisco on the 4th ultimo, and Yokohama on the 28th. From Yokohama to Van Diemen's Straits had strong west and north-west winds. From Van Diemen's Straits to Turnabout Island had variable winds with rain; thence to port had light north-east monsoon with foggy weather.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Histor*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Bormida*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Swatow and Shanghai.—Per *Canton*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Hoihow.—Per *Antenor*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Hongkong and Pakhoi.—Per *Soochow*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 5.00 P.M.
 For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Zafiro*, on Saturday, the 9th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Singapore.—Per *Phigania*, on Sunday, the 10th instant, at 9.00 A.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Arratoon Apcar*, on Monday, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Europe, &c., India via Bombay.—Per *Pekin*, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *City of Sydney*, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Amson*, on Friday, the 15th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c.—Per *Guthrie*, on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
 For Europe, &c., Australia, Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Djemah*, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, Revsheck, 5th March.—Haiphong 1st March, and Hoihow 3rd, Rice.—Armhold, Karberg & Co.
 AMOV, German steamer, 814, R. Kähler, 5th March.—Whampoa 5th March, General.—Siemens & Co.
 APENNADE, German steamer, 1,473, Hohlmann, 21st Jan.—Nagasaki 17th Jan., Coal.—Wieler & Co.

BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, Emilio de Megri, 2nd March.—Bombay 9th Feb., and Singapore 23d, General.—Carlowitz & Co.
 CHINA, German steamer, 618, J. Müller, 25th Feb.—Hoihow 25th Feb., General.—Melchers & Co.

CHINA, German steamer, 1,093, P. Haye, 4th March.—Saloon 27th Feb., General.—Woo Kee.
 FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 FOKIN, British steamer, 509, J. Lewis, 10th Feb.—Tientsin 7th Feb., Amoy 8th, and Swatow 9th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

HAUOON, British steamer, 783, J. S. Rosch, 5th March.—Fookshai 1st March, Amoy 2d, and Swatow 4th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.
 HECTOR, British steamer, 1,880, Th. Batt, 6th March.—Liverpool 15th January, and Singapore 27th February, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

MIKE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,380, Sommers, 5th March.—Kutchinohi 1st March, General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 PILOT FIVE, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
 TITON, German steamer, 1,142, A. Bledken, 2nd March.—Hoihow 28th Feb., Salt.—Ed. Schellhaus & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.
 ADAM W. SPIES, American bark, 1,171, A. D. Field, 2nd March.—Newcastle, N.S.W., 3d Dec, Coal.—Russell & Co.
 ARON, Norwegian bark, 634, A. Christensen, 3d March.—Rajang, Borneo 3d Feb., Timber.—Chinese.
 COLOMA, American bark, 824, C. M. Wages, 24th Dec.—Portland (Oregon) and Nov., Lumber and Spars.—Capt. A. J. Russell & Co.

EMER, British bark, 778, W. Summers, 2nd Jan.—London 2nd October, General.—Melchers & Co.
 EMPIRE, American ship, 1,075, T. L. Snow, 1st Feb.—New York 5th June, Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.
 ERKONTO, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination bulk, Steamer's Island.—Chinese Customs.

HACTANOGA, British ship, 1,044, H. F. Cam, 1st March.—Cardiff 19th October, Coal.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 MEKURU, British schooner, 361, David Thomas, 3d Feb.—Freemantle 2nd Dec, Sandalwood.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 PACTONIS, American ship, Burnham, 28th Feb.—Shanghai 19th February, General.—Pustau & Co.

STATE OF MAINE, American ship, 1,467, Nichols, 1st Feb.—Shanghai 27th Jan., General.—Pustau & Co.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Guthrie	Port Darwin	March 8th	Russell & Co.
Moray	Liverpool	March 10th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Deccan	Bombay	March 10th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Talsang	Calcutta	March 12th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Oceanic	San Francisco	March 13th	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Anadyr	Marseilles	March 14th	Messageries Maritimes.
Abyssinia	Vancouver	March 17th	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Pekin	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 13th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Jason	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow.
London & Lpool, via S. C. Bremen, via Ports of Call.	Oania	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About March 15th.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Sachsen	Melchers & Co.	Mar. 17th, at 10 a.m.
Trieste, via Straits, &c.	Bormida	Carlowitz & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Havre, Hamburg, &c.	Amphitrite	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	Mar. 11th, at noon.
San Francisco, via Yama	Ipigania	Siemens & Co.	Mar. 10th, at noon.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Oceanic	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Mar. 10th, at 10 a.m.
Sydney, Melbourne, &c.	Abyssinia	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Mar. 13th, at 1 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Guthrie	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Mar. 23rd, at 1 p.m.
Calcutta, via Straits, &c.	Arratoon Apcar	Russell & Co.	Mar. 19th, at 2 p.m.
Singapore, via S'akan, &c.	Memnon	Butterfield & Swire	Mar. 20th, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, via S'akan, &c.	Elson	D. Sasson, Sons & Co.	March 11th, at noon.
Yokohama, via S'aki, &c.	Ancona	Butterfield & Swire	About March 6th.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Hector	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 15th, at noon.
Shanghai, via Swatow	Kaifong	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at noon.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Canton	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About March 15th.
Manila, via Amoy	Moray	Adamson, Bell & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Coast Ports	Zafiro	Russell & Co.	Mar. 9th, at 4 p.m.
	Hailong	Douglas Laprak & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.

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